



Together in love we learn with

Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

## Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been extremely busy and no doubt the start of a few as we build up to Christmas. The week started with a group of children, our school choir, attending a carol concert in St John's Church. This was a very special event in which a message from the Princess of Wales was shared. Here is her very inspiring Christmas message to us all:



December, 2024

*Dear Guest,*

I am so delighted that you're able to join this Carol Service. I wanted to write and share my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done to provide comfort and hope to those who need it the most.

Christmas is one of my favourite times of the year. It is a time for celebration and joy, but it also gives us the opportunity to slow down and reflect on the deeper things that connect us all. It is when we stop and take ourselves away from the pressures of daily life, that we find the space to live our lives with an open heart, with love, kindness and forgiveness - so much of what the Christmas spirit is all about.

The Christmas story encourages us to consider the experiences and feelings of others. It also reflects our own vulnerabilities and reminds us of the importance of giving and receiving empathy, as well as just how much we need each other in spite of our differences. Above all else, it encourages us to turn to love, not fear. The love that we show ourselves and the love we show others. Love that listens with empathy, love that is kind and understanding, love that is forgiving, and love that brings joy and hope.

It is this love which is the greatest gift we can receive. Not just at Christmas, but every day of our lives. Love is the light that can shine bright, even in our darkest times. We all have something we can offer one another. Gentle words or a receptive ear, an arm around an exhausted shoulder, or silently being by someone's side.

Across the United Kingdom, there are so many inspiring people embracing those in need. They have provided comfort, counsel, and connection, and above all else they have shown that love unites and strengthens us all.

This Carol Service is a heartfelt celebration of every one of you, and a reminder that at Christmas, and throughout the year, we must all shine for each other. Because in times of joy and sadness, we are all each other's light.

I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas.

*Catherine.*

Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales

As well as this we have held our annual school Christingle, Reception and Key Stage 1 have had their Pantomime, we have been using the dance mats in PE that are currently on loan to us, some children have visited a factory to see their very own Christmas cards produced, we held our second evening of 'Christmas stories around the camp fire' and today it has been our school fair! Wow! Busy, busy, busy!

Have a peaceful weekend everyone,  
Mr Blackburn.

### Dates for your diaries:

School Closes –  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
December

School Reopens –  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
January

School Closes –  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
February

School Reopens –  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
February

School Closes –  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

School Reopens –  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
April

School Closes –  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Reopens –  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

School Closes –  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July



### KS2 ONLY:

The KS2 pantomime trip is live on ParentPay. We **MUST** have consent for this via ParentPay alongside the payment. Our KS2 children are visiting the Lawrence Batley Theatre in Huddersfield to watch the pantomime Dick Whittington! This exciting event is a great opportunity for your child and is heavily subsidised by school. The cost of the trip is £10, which covers the cost of the coach to Huddersfield. This trip is on Tuesday 10th December for the morning. Children **MUST** be in school for 8.40am this day as we will be leaving promptly.

### Packed Lunches/Hot food:

Please can we remind you if your child brings a healthy packed lunch, for health and safety reasons, all food **MUST** be cold. NO hot food of any nature should be in lunch boxes.

### Carol Concert:

On **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual carol concert with the help of the student band from Mirfield Free Grammar at 10am. All welcome to come along and join us. Please note that all children must wear full school uniform on this day.

### VIP Christmas Card Winners:

Recently, children have taken part in a Christmas card competition. The winning Christmas cards from each year group were chosen and their cards have been kindly printed by UK Greetings in Dewsbury. The winning children were lucky enough to go visit the factory where the cards were made on Thursday and had a tour around the factory. They even got to watch their own Christmas cards being printed and made! It was a fantastic experience and our children made us very proud. We look forward to showing off these printed cards as they are on sale at different events over the next few weeks. These cards are being used to help fundraise for school, so if you can, please support us by purchasing a pack or your child's class card. Thank you!



### St John's Stars



	Hanzlah
	Mahad
	Kacie-Leigh
	Maya-Lamise
	M.Yusuf
	Alicia
	Isabella
	M.Moosa



### Weekly Attendance

	91%
	93%
	96%
	95%
	96%
	93%
	96%
	94%